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TAGS:PEPR, IS, SA, US

SUBJECT:TERRORIST ATTACK MARCH 11

REF: TEL AVIV 3717 (NOTAL)

1. IDF HAS PROVIDED DAO TEL AVIV A WRITTEN NOTE WITH A LIST OF U.S.-ORIGIN WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS FOUND IN THE POSSESSION OF ARAB TERRORISTS IN THE MARCH 11 ASSAULT ON THE HAIFA-TEL AVIV COASTAL HIGHWAY, AS WELL AS IN TERRORIST STRONGHOLDS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON SEIZED DURING RECENT IDF OPERATIONS IN THE AREA. IDF NOTE INDICATES AT LEAST SOME OF WEAPONS WERE SUPPLIED BY USG TO SAUDI ARABIA.

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2. REFTTEL BEING REPEATED TO YOU CONTAINS LIST OF THESE ITEMS TOGETHER WITH MENTION OF THE GRENADES AND DEMOLITION BRICKS SEIZED IN A TERRORIST ASSAULT ATTEMPT ACROSS THE DEAD SEA IN AUGUST 1976 (77 JIDDA 057). UPON RECEIPT OF REFTTEL YOU SHOULD BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF SAG AND ASK FOR COMMENTS.

3. DOD IS TRACING MATERIEL PARA 2 A. 1-5 REFTEL. WE
WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THEIR FINDINGS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE;
BUT YOU SHOULD NOT DELAY RAISING THIS WITH SAG ON THIS
ACCOUNT. YOU MAY INFORM SAG THAT WE WILL PROVIDE DATA
FROM OUR END ON THESE ITEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT
WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR COMMENCING THEIR OWN INVESTIGATION
IMMEDIATELY. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH
AMBASSADOR WEST AND PRINCE TURKI HERE. LATTER IS AWARE
OF EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THIS MATTER AND HAS
INDICATED HE WILL TAKE IT UP UPON HIS RETURN TO SAUDI
ARABIA. WE FEEL IT NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TO RAISE MATTER
OFFICIALLY THROUGH EMBASSY WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY. VANCE

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